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Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam*

December 6, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

31-12-1947

Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

Date 12-6-12  
Time 3:00  
Received by [Signature]

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 530-31 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (d)(4) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233, RELATIVE TO THE EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY", which I signed into law on November 28, 2012 as **Public Law 31-236**.

*Senseramente,*

  
**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**

Attachment: copy of Bill

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**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

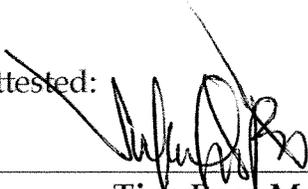
**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 530-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (d)(4) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233, RELATIVE TO THE EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY", was on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, duly and regularly passed.



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**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

Attested:



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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 2012, at  
6:15 o'clock P.M.



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Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahaen's Office*

APPROVED:



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*  
**NOV 28 2012**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. 31-236

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 530-31 (COR)**

Introduced by:

T. C. Ada  
R. J. Respicio  
V. A. Ada  
F. F. Blas, Jr.  
B. J.F. Cruz  
Chris M. Dueñas  
J. P. Guthertz, DPA  
Sam A. Mabini, Ph.D.  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.  
V. C. Pangelinan  
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
M. Silva Taijeron  
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* SUBSECTION (d)(4) OF SECTION 1,  
CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233, RELATIVE TO  
THE EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE GUAM  
VETERANS CEMETERY.**

1           **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2           **Section 1.** Subsection (d)(4) of Section 1, Chapter V of P.L. 31-233 is hereby  
3 *amended* to read as follows:

4           “(4) **Guam Veterans Cemetery Expansion Grant.** The sum of Three  
5 Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (**\$390,000.00**) is appropriated from the General  
6 Fund to the Veterans Affairs Office to provide funds for the preliminary engineering

1 and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans  
2 Cemetery in *Piti*, Guam.

3 §1303, of Article 3, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, *shall not*  
4 apply to the appropriation in this Subsection. The appropriation in this Subsection  
5 *shall not* be subject to *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*'s transfer authority.”

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Act *shall* be effective upon  
7 its enactment.

8 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any  
9 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*  
10 not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect  
11 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 Law are severable.

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# I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 11/26/12

## VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 530-31(COR)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

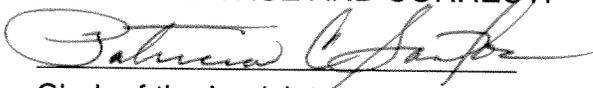
Question: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED</u>	<u>OUT DURING ROLL CALL</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.					EA
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera					EA
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

**TOTAL**

13      0      0      0      2

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
 Clerk of the Legislature

\* 3 Passes = No vote  
 EA = Excused Absence



# Senator Thomas C. Ada

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

November 21, 2012

2012 NOV 23 AM 9:23

**The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 530-31 (COR)**

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 530-31 (COR) – “An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.”

Committee votes are as follows:

- 6 TO DO PASS
- 0 TO NOT PASS
- 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

*Si Yu'os ma'åse',*

Thomas C. Ada



## **Senator Thomas C. Ada**

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

# **COMMITTEE REPORT ON**

## **Bill No. 530-31 (COR)**

**“An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.”**



## Senator Thomas C. Ada

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

November 21, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**  
Committee on Veterans Affairs, Public Works, Utilities and Transportation

From: **Senator Thomas C. Ada**   
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Bill No. 530-31 (COR)**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 530-31 (COR)– “An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.”

This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 530-31 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Request for Fiscal Note (Fiscal Note pending)
- COR Referral of Bill No. 530-31 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'!*



# Senator Thomas C. Ada

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Bill No. 530-31 (COR)** – T. C. Ada – An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
<b>SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA</b> Chairperson		✓ 11/21/12				
<b>SENATOR ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.</b> Vice Chairperson		11/21/12				
<b>VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ</b> Member		11/21/12				
<b>SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO</b> Member						
<b>SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES</b> Member		✓ 11/21/12				
<b>SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.</b> Member						
<b>SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA</b> Minority Member		11/21 ✓				
<b>SENATOR ALINE A. YAMASHITA, PH.D.</b> Minority Member		11/21				
<b>SENATOR MANA SILVA TAIJERON</b> Minority Member						
<b>SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS</b> Minority Member						

## COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### **I. OVERVIEW**

Bill 530-31 (COR) was introduced on November 9, 2012 by Senator Thomas C. Ada and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Public Works, Transportation and Utilities on November 13, 2012.

The Committee on Veterans Affairs, Public Works, Transportation and Utilities convened a public hearing on Bill 530-31 (COR) on November 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on the measure.

### **Public Notice Requirements**

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on November 9, 2012 (5-Day Notice), and again on November 16, 2012 (48-Hour Notice).

### **Senators Present**

Senator Thomas C. Ada  
Senator V. Anthony Ada

Committee Chairperson  
Member

### **Individuals Present**

Mr. John Unpingco, Administrator, Guam Office of Veteran Affairs (*oral and written testimony*)

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 6:00 pm.

## **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION**

*Written testimony submitted:*

Mr. John Rios, Director, Bureau of Budget & Management Research (BBMR)  
Clarifies BBMR requirements to appropriate funds for Veterans Cemetery; supports intention of Bill 530-31.

**Chair Ada:** States that the purpose of Bill 530 is a technical correction to language that was placed in the FY2013 Budget Bill to ensure that the language is within the requirements outlined by BBMR. Otherwise, the appropriation remains the same.

Summarizes BBMR testimony, stating that language for appropriation needs to be clearer for their requirements; in favor of 530-31.

**John Unpingco:** Congratulates Senators on re-election. Thanks senators for opportunity to present testimony in support of bill. Reading from his written testimony, Mr. Unpingco testifies

that Bill 530 makes P.L. 31-233 work the way it was intended to work within the requirements outlined by the National Cemetery Association (NCA) Grant of \$4.1M. Provides an overview of how the grant from (NCA) works. States that the NCA is given a pool of money from which they are able to distribute nationwide for the purpose of expanding or improving and operating and maintaining Veteran cemetery projects. NCA was allotted \$47,462,135 to award grants to fifteen (15) states and one tribal government. States that Guam came closely in at number 17 for a grant award in the amount of \$3.95M for improvements to and expansion of the Cemetery. Guam came in at number 32 in order of priority and needs for a \$175K grant for operations and maintenance of the Cemetery. Altogether, Guam received over \$4M in grants. Highlights that the NCA distributes grant money based on certain requirements; state legislatures must, therefore first obtain 10% local appropriation and then spend this seed money on preliminary engineering and architectural work. Quotes section of P.L. 31-233 that essentially states the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs must first receive the NCA matching grants in order to disburse the appropriation provided by the Government of Guam. States that while GOVA has been awarded the \$4M grant, this money cannot be disbursed until the seed money has been spent. Once the seed money is spent, the grant money is disbursed in progress payments. NCA will reimburse GovGuam for all seed money spent, as well as project cost. Reminds that GOVA missed the grant opportunity last year because seed money was not available. Emphasizes the tight schedule given by NCA, and their requirement of obtaining a consultant through the procurement process. In spite of the difficulty of going through Guam's procurement system, GOVA must meet the requirement. Restates the importance of Bill 530-31. Emphasizes that deadline for passage and signing of bill is 27 November 2012, and asks, on behalf of the Veterans, for the Legislature's assistance in moving this forward. Thanks the Senators.

**Chair Ada:** Explains that this the third piece in the process of obtaining funds for the Veterans Cemetery. Cites previous legislation to approve conceptual plan to improve cemetery (perimeter fencing, construction of columbaria, demolition of unusable crypts, etc). Cites this year's fiscal budget that identifies and appropriates money for Cemetery improvements and expansion. States that purpose of today's hearing is to tighten the language for BBMR. Remains optimistic to move this bill forward and passed into public law. After legislature's action, it will be on the executive branch to complete this effort into law to meet GOVA's deadline.

**Mr. Unpingco:** Appreciates Chair's confidence. States that he personally wrote the RFP with some assistance from the Attorney General's Office, and it is ready to go, but just waiting for funding certification from BBMR.

**Chair Ada:** Asks about the two pieces of funding – \$3.9M and \$175K. Is \$175K available immediately?

**Mr. Unpingco:** Responds that it is available under the same terms. NCA does not want to move until A/E is in place since it is a multi-disciplinary consultancy. Would need to have team on board and get input. Afterwards, an RFP construction would need to be started.

**Sen. Tony Ada:** Wishes good luck. Believes that this effort is important and that no opportunities should be missed to improve and expand on Veterans Cemetery.

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**Chair Ada:** Commends Mr. Unpingco on aggressive action with regard to efforts to improve the Veterans Cemetery. Concludes hearing. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:12pm.

### **III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee on Veterans Affairs, Public Works, Transportation and Utilities hereby reports out Bill 530-31 (COR), with the recommendation To PASS.

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Bill No. 530-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

T. C. Ada 

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION (d) (4) OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233 TO CLARIFY THAT THE THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$390,000) APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL WORK REQUIRED FOR THE EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** Chapter V (d) (4) of P.L. 31-233 is hereby *amended* to read as  
3 follows:

4 **(4) Guam Veterans Cemetery Expansion ~~Matching~~ Grant.** The sum  
5 of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) is appropriated from the  
6 General Fund to the Veterans Affairs Office ~~for~~ to provide funds for the  
7 preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and  
8 upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.

9 ~~Funding shall only be disbursed as a matching grant of public or private~~  
10 ~~funds secured by the Veterans Affairs Office. The Veterans Affairs Office shall~~  
11 ~~submit to I Maga'lahaen Guåhan and the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan~~

1 ~~evidence of matching grant funds secured prior to the certification of funds for~~  
2 ~~disbursement, project plan(s), and subsequent invoices for project(s) funded by~~  
3 ~~said appropriation.~~

4 §1303, of Article 3, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, *shall not*  
5 apply to the appropriation in this Subsection. The appropriation in this  
6 Subsection *shall not* be subject to *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*'s transfer authority.

7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon its enactment into  
8 law.

9 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any  
10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
11 *shall* not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given  
12 effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions  
13 of this Law are severable.





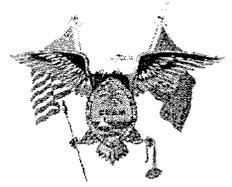
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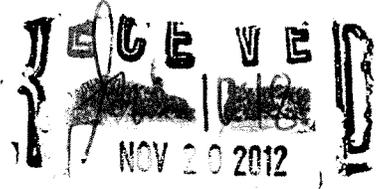
## Guam Veterans Cemetery

172 South Marine Corps Drive  
Asan, Guam 96910  
Telephone: (671) 475-8389/90/92/94  
Facsimile: (671) 475-8396



**John S. Unpingco**  
Governor's Special Assistant

**TESTIMONY  
ON  
BILL 530-31  
BY  
JOHN S. UNPINGCO**



**Bureau of Budget and  
Management Research**

*J. Unpingco 11/20/12*

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY THIS EVENING CONCERNING BILL NO. 530-31. BILL NO. 530-31 MAKES PUBLIC LAW 31-233 WORK THE WAY IT WAS INTENDED IN VIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION GRANT TO US OF \$4.1 MILLION DOLLARS.

HERE'S HOW THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION GRANT (NCA) WORKS. THE NCA GETS ALLOTTED A POOL OF MONEY FROM WHICH THEY FURTHER ALLOCATE GRANTS TO VETERANS CEMETERIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN THIS YEAR THEY WERE GIVEN A TOTAL OF \$47,462,135. THEY AWARDED FIFTEEN (15) STATES AND ONE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO ESTABLISH, EXPAND OR IMPROVE VETERANS CEMETERIES AND FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

THIS YEAR WE CAME IN 17TH AND BARELY CAME IN UNDER THE WIRE FOR A GRANT. WE RECEIVED \$3.95 MILLION FOR UPGRADING AND IMPROVING OUR CEMETERY. TRANSLATED INTO LAYMAN TERMS, WE RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$3.95 MILLION TO EXPAND OUR VETERANS CEMETERY.

WE ALSO RECEIVED A \$175,000 GRANT FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR CEMETERY. THIS IS A SEPARATE GRANT. WE CAME IN AT NUMBER 32 IN ORDER OF PRIORITY AND NEEDS.

ALTOGETHER, THEN WE HAVE OVER \$4 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS ALLOCATED TO US. NOW, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WRINKLE TO THESE GRANTS. THEY DO NOT GIVE US THESE GRANT MONIES RIGHT AWAY. THEY, THE NCA, WANT TO SEE EACH STATE LEGISLATURE COMMIT TO THIS PROJECT. HENCE, THEY REQUIRE THAT WE SPEND THE 10% SEED MONEY FIRST WHICH THEY (THE LEGISLATURE) APPROPRIATED FOR US. THEY DO THIS BY REQUIRING US TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN ARCHITECT-ENGINEERING FIRM TO ACT AS OUR CONSULTANT IN PLANNING OUT THE CEMETERY EXPANSION. THIS WE ARE GOING TO DO, WE ALREADY HAVE AN RFP DRAFTED, READY TO HIT THE STREETS. BUT, WE DO NEED A FUNDS CERTIFICATION. THIS IS A CERTIFICATION FROM BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH (BBMR) THAT THE FUNDS ARE READY TO BE SPENT OR OBLIGATED.

THE PRESENT STATUTE, P.L. 31-233, STATES THAT: "FUNDING SHALL ONLY BE DISBURSED AS A MATCHING GRANT OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FUNDS SECURED BY THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE. THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT TO I MAGA LAHEN GUAHAN AND THE SPEAKER OF I LEHISLATURAN GUAHAN EVIDENCE OF MATCHING GRANTS SECURED PRIOR TO THE CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS FOR DISBURSEMENT, PROJECT PLANS AND SUBSEQUENT INVOICES..."

IN OTHER WORDS, WE MUST HAVE THE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS HERE BEFORE WE CAN DISBURSE THE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO THIS PROJECT. THIS, WE CANNOT DO, AS ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE THE \$4 MILLION GRANT NONE OF IT CAN BE DISBURSED UNLESS WE HAVE ALREADY SPENT THE SEED MONEY.

ONCE WE HAVE SPENT OR OBLIGATED THE MONEY, THE GRANT MONEY IS DISBURSED TO US IN PROGRESS PAYMENTS. THEY, THE NCA, WILL REIMBURSE US FOR ALL THE SEED MONEY THAT WE HAVE THUS FAR SPENT AS WELL AS THE PROJECT COST. IN THIS WAY, THE NCA IS ASSURED OF THE LEGISLATURE'S RESOLVE THAT THEY ARE INTENT ON IMPROVING THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY.

LAST FISCAL YEAR, WE MISSED GETTING A GRANT FROM NCA BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE SEED MONEY. LET US LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKE IN THE PAST.

ONE OTHER THING, THE NCA HAS GIVEN US A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE. THEY SAY WE MUST GET A CONSULTANT TO HELP US, USING OUR PROCUREMENT SYSTEM. I HAVE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THIS SCHEDULE THEY HAVE GIVEN US IS VERY TIGHT. I TRIED TELLING THEM THAT OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS A MESS, BUT, THEY NONETHELESS MAINTAINED THAT WE MUST ABIDE BY OUR PROCUREMENT SYSTEM. THIS, THEN IS THE QUANDRY. AND, THIS IS THE REASON FOR BILL 530-31.

ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS, I ASK FOR YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.



# BUREAU OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

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Senator Thomas C. Ada  
Chairperson  
Committee on Utilities, Transportation,  
Public Works & Veterans Affairs  
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RECEIVED at the  
Office of Senator  
Thomas C. Ada

Dear Senator Ada:

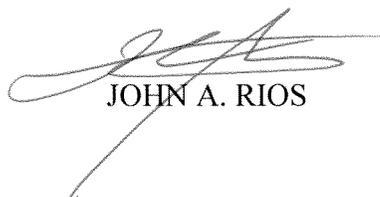
I am submitting written testimony on Bill 530-31(COR) - "An act to amend section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the three hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary and engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY."

It is my understanding that the intent of the law stated in Chapter V (d) (4) of P.L. 31-233 which appropriated \$390,000 from the General Fund to the Veterans Affairs Office was necessary to comply with a pre-application for Federal assistance requirement of 10% matching of local funds submitted by Guam's Veterans Affairs Office to the U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Cemetery Grants. Pursuant to letters dated June 14, 2011 and July 13, 2011 from Frank K. Salvat Sr., Director of Veterans Cemetery Grants Service, Guam's federal grant pre-applications to a planned future expansion project for Guam's Veterans Cemetery estimated at \$3,952,500 and to a \$175,000 grant project for gravesite improvements under the U.S. Veterans Cemetery Grants Programs were accepted in July 2011 for consideration and placement in the FY2012 Priority List of Pending State Cemetery and Tribal Government Pre-applications for approval by VA's Secretary. State pre-applications for cemetery projects continue to compete each fiscal year until they are funded, selected and approved by the VA Secretary or upon State withdrawal of project(s). As stated in the letter, the 10% matching of local funds would be fully reimbursable upon federal grant approval of Guam Veterans Cemetery expansion and improvement projects.

However, the law did not link or associate the local matching grant appropriation to a federal grant but rather to a matching of public or private funds to the Veterans Affairs Office. As such, there may be some kind of uncertainty as to the intent of the law relative to the U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) federal grant pre-application.

As such, Bill 530 which proposes to strike out the provision for disbursement of matching funds upon evidence of matching grant funds secured by public or private funds to the Veterans Affairs Office will give full authorization to Veterans Affairs Office to expend the matching funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery without any linkage to public, private or federal grant funds. If this is the case, then, the bill amendment can no longer be a grant appropriation but rather a miscellaneous appropriation to Veterans Affairs Office.

The Bureau is in support of the amendment provided that there is language stating linkage with the U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) federal grant pre-application which upon selection and approval by the VA Secretary, Guam may realize an estimated federal funds totaling \$3,952,500 for the completion of a planned future expansion project and \$175,000 for the completion of gravesite improvements of Guam's Veterans Cemetery in the near future.



JOHN A. RIOS

cc: Sen. Vicente "ben" C. Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research  
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 530-31 (COR)**

An act to amend section (d) (4) of Public Law 31 -233 to clarify that the three hundred nintey thousand dollars (\$390,000) appropriated fro the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary and engineering and architechtrual work required for the expansion and upgrade of the GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Parks and Recreation	Dept./Agency Head: Peter Calvo
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	3,057,669
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Public Recreation Services Fund and Tourist Attraction Fund	935,475
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$3,993,144</b>

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2012 Unreserved Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>		\$0	\$0
FY 2013 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2013 Appro. (P.L. 31-233)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
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1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? // Yes    /X/ No  
If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A    // Yes    // No  
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ // N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? // Yes    /X/ No  
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? // N/A    // Yes    // No  
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes    /X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes    /X/ No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: // Yes    /X/ No  
// Requested agency comments not received by due date    /X/ Other: Time constraint

Analyst (s): Joe Certeza    Date: 11/14/2012    Director: John A. Rio, Director    Date: NOV 21 2012

**Footnotes:**  
1/ Pursuant to letters dated June 14, 2011 and July 13, 2011 from Frank K. Salvat Sr., Director of Veterans Cemetery Grants Service, the intent of Chapter V(d)(4) of P.L. 31-233 which appropriated \$390,000 from the General Fund to the Veterans Affairs Office was to comply with a pre-application for Federal assistance requirement of 10% local matching funds submitted by Guam's Veterans Affairs Office for a planned future expansion project for Guam's Veterans Cemetery estimated at \$3,952,500 under the U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Cemetery Grants Programs. Such matching fund amount would need to be supported by legislation and certification of funds signed by the Guam's Budget Office (BBMR). Guam's pre-application for the expansion of Guam Veterans Cemetery and for a \$175,000 grant project for gravesite improvements was accepted in July 2011 for consideration and placement in the FY2012 Priority List of Pending State Cemetery and Tribal Government Pre-applications for approval by VA's Secretary. State pre-application cemetery projects continue to compete each fiscal year until it is funded and approved by the VA Secretary or upon State withdrawal of project. As stated, the 10% matching of local funds would be fully reimbursable upon federal grant approval of the expansion project. As such, this Bill proposes to void the disbursement of matching funds provision associated with the matching grant and give authorization to Veterans Affairs Office to expend the matching funds in advance on the expansion project without a federal grant approval for additional federal funds estimated at \$3,952,500 to complete the expansion project.

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John A. Rios  
Director  
Bureau of Budget & Management Research  
P.O. Box 2950  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Request for Fiscal Note -  
Bill Nos. 530-31 (COR) & 531-31 (COR)

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*Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Judith P. Guthertz, DPA

Attachments

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

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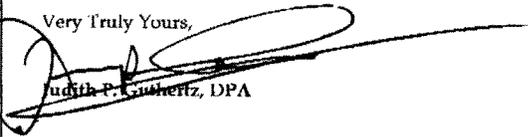
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November 13, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje  
*Legislative Legal Counsel*

From: Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA  
*Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules*

Subject: Referral of Bill Nos. 530-31 (COR) & 531-31 (COR)

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill Nos. 530-31 (COR) and 531-31 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bills are referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse!*

(2) Attachment

*I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan*

**Bill Log Sheet**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	120 DAY DEADLINE	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	STATUS
530-31 (COR)	T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION (d) (4) OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233 TO CLARIFY THAT THE THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$390,000) APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL WORK REQUIRED FOR THE EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY.	11/09/2012 2:54 pm	11/13/2012		Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs	11/20/2012 6:00 pm		



## Senator Thomas C. Ada

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

November 9, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Media  
From: Senator Thomas C. Ada  
Subject: **Public Hearing Notice: November 20, 6:00 pm**

Please be advised that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Transportation, Utilities and Public Works is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 6:00 pm. This meeting will take place in the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslatura*.

The agenda is as follows:

Bill No. 530-31 (COR) – T. C. Ada

An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.

Testimonies should be addressed to Senator Thomas C. Ada, Chairperson, and will be accepted via hand delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96932, via email to [office@senatorada.org](mailto:office@senatorada.org), or via facsimile to (671) 473-3303 until November 21, 12:00 pm.

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Senseramente,

Thomas C. Ada



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## First Notice of Public Hearing

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**Nicole Santos** <nsantos@senatorada.org>

Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 5:27 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Hafa adai Senators,

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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give our office a call at 473-3301.

Best,  
Nicole

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Nicole Santos  
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Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 5:30 PM

To: Media <media@senatorada.org>

Cc: Cyrus Luhr <cyrus@senatorada.org>, Jimmy Camacho <jcamacho@senatorada.org>, Nicole Santos <nsantos@senatorada.org>

Hafa adai,

Please see attached notice and bill regarding public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Public Hearing Room.

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Best,  
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Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 5:32 PM

To: John Unpingco <john.unpingco@gvao.guam.gov>

Cc: Cindy Gogo <cindy.gogo@gvao.guam.gov>, John Rios <john.rios@bbmr.guam.gov>, Bernie Artero <bernadette.artero@guam.gov>, Nicole Santos <nsantos@senatorada.org>

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## Senator Thomas C. Ada

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
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November 16, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Media

Subject: **Public Hearing Notice: November 20, 6:00 pm**

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## Second Notice of Public Hearing

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Nicole Santos <nsantos@senatorada.org>

Fri, Nov 16, 2012 at 9:55 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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Best,  
Nicole

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Senior Policy Analyst  
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Mon, Nov 19, 2012 at 3:44 PM

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Hafa adai,

Please be reminded that the public hearing for Bill 530-31 (Vets Cemetery Grant Funds) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Public Hearing Room.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give our office a call at 473-3301.

Best,  
Nicole

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## **Senator Thomas C. Ada**

CHAIRMAN - Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature • I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

### **AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 6:00 pm**  
**Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan***

The agenda is as follows:

**Bill No. 530-31 (COR) – T. C. Ada**

An act to amend Section (d) (4) of Public Law 31-233 to clarify that the Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) appropriated from the General Fund is to provide funds for the preliminary engineering and architectural work required for the expansion and upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery.

Testimonies should be addressed to Senator Thomas C. Ada, Chairperson, and will be accepted via hand delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96932, via email to [office@senatorada.org](mailto:office@senatorada.org), or via facsimile to (671) 473-3303 until November 21, 2012, 12:00 pm. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services should submit their request to Nicole Santos at 473-3301. Please feel free to contact our office at 473-3301 should you have any questions or concerns.

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Bill No. 530-31 cov

Introduced by:

T. C. Ada 

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6 General Fund to the Veterans Affairs Office ~~for~~ to provide funds for the  
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8 upgrade of the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.

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7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon its enactment into  
8 law.

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10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
11 *shall* not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given  
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13 of this Law are severable.

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